

Call to Worship: Jesus said; "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh." Let us pray.

TRINITY CHARGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Ralph C. Link, Pastor

Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 9:00 A.M.
Christ Church, Duncannon 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP January 9, 1972

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*The Benediction
*The Threefold Amen
*The Postlude

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The joint consistory meeting will be held Tues. Jan. 18th at 7:30 PM in Trinity Church, New Bloomfield.

CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Heidelberg Class will meet Tues. Jan. 11th at 7:30 PM.

Missionary Circle will meet Tues. Jan. 11th at 7:30 PM in the home of Bessie Barrick.

The ladies of the church will host the Golden Agers Jan. 13th at 1:30 PM in the social room of the church.

Win-A-Chum Class will meet at the home of Esther Spease Jan. 14th at 7:30 P.M.

TRINITY: SANDY GANTT NEW MEMBER

CHRIST: MADELINE GALLAGHER " "

This past week in Confirmation class we were discussing the chapter in the book that ~~look~~ takes a look at the individual. We talked of the things we must know about ourselves. The first thing we learned that we should know was that we are sinners, ~~that~~ we sin in our individual lives and we fall short of the glory of God. The Second thing we should learn ~~about~~ is that everyone else in the world is a sinner. So if we add together that we personally are sinners, plus everyone else in the world is sinful, then we can see that we all have one common denominator and this is Jesus Christ. We being sinful come to his table to partake of his body and blood for our forgiveness, and all of sinful mankind has the same privilege to share this supper for their forgiveness. So we all share the communion and we share in forgiveness, but there is yet a third denominator. This is the fact that we are forgiven for what we do, and because of this we should be forgiving as well. We should come to the Lord's table and ask forgiveness for our sins, but we should also remember those who have committed sins against us, and forgive them for what they have done. This in essence is what this Lord's table is all about. To forgive as well as to be forgiven. To let bygones be bygones and start out with a clean slate. Hating no man, loving all men. This is why we have communion at the beginning of the new year. To clear the slate of past sins and past hatreds and to face a year with love for all.

Christ said, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." He was both lifted up when he hung on the cross and died for us, And he was lifted up when he ascended into heaven to ~~be~~ reign at the right hand of God. He drew all men to him as he said. All men were drawn to the sight and the spectacle of this man when he was killed. All ~~men's~~ eyes were upon him to see what he would and could do at that time. All men are drawn to him today as well. But not all as followers unfortunately. Some men come to him to speak

against him. Some men come to him to work against him. But all men are drawn to him in one way or another. With Christ there is no middle ground. You either love him or you hate him.

This table is where we as believers in him are drawn toward him. We come to him to partake of him and to share in the sacrifice of him for us and for our sins. We are drawn toward him and the life he led, and so we must in true Christlike life and style forgive as well as be forgiven. "Gone for a little while, back soon." How soon no one knows, but, ^{HE SAID} "I, ~~if I live~~ when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." Amen.









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Born: April 9, 1929, Pittsburgh, Pa.
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SCHOOLING:

Graduated from Perry High School, Pittsburgh, Pa.
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Lay Ministry School, Penn West Conference of United
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PASTORATES:

As Lay Minister: short term, 1 month or less in
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July 1970 to December 1973 Student Pastor at Trinity
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PERSONAL TESTIMONY

OF

Ralph C. Link

I am the youngest of five children. I was born just prior to the onset of the Depression. Our family was very poor. My father was an alcoholic and my mother was a very religious person who was searching for the Lord. During my childhood she did her best to teach me the things of the Lord. Later in life she came to a personal relationship with Him.

I grew up in the Evangelical and Reformed Church where salvation by grace alone was not preached nor taught. I knew all about Jesus, what He did, how He lived, His miracles, His death and resurrection, but I didn't know Him personally.

My life had many ups and downs and all the while I was attending church and striving with my good works to please God. At a very low point in my life when we were deeply in debt and my wife and three children were all ill, I came to the crossroads. I watched a Billy Graham Crusade on television from some distant city and the message he preached seemed to be directed right at me. I wrestled with making that commitment to Christ, but didn't. The next afternoon and evening at work on the 4 to 12 shift I came to the conclusion that I needed to make that commitment to Christ. It seemed like there was no other choice if life was to have any meaning. That night when I came home from work at 1:00 A.M., I laid face down on the living room floor and told God that I couldn't live my life in my own strength and I accepted the gift of salvation from my Savior Jesus Christ. My life has never been the same.

Through several meaningful circumstances I was called by God to serve Him in the Christian Ministry and to help spread that wonderful message of salvation through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. What a wonderful and rewarding time it has been and I give Him all the praise for my salvation and the opportunity to serve Him.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

OF

Ralph C. Link

I believe the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired inerrant Word of God. I believe the Bible is the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men and it is the final authority for the Christian faith and life.

I believe in one God, who is eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I believe in the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ that He is true God and true man. I believe that He was born of the Virgin Mary, that He lived in sinless life, that He performed the miracles recorded in Scripture, that He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins, that He bodily arose from the dead, that He ascended on high where He is at the right hand of Almighty God as our intercessor.

I believe in the Holy Spirit and that He comes and indwells each believer at the time of conversion. I believe that He lives in each believer to lead, to instruct, and to convict so that a believer may live a more godly life.

I believe that through the shed blood of Jesus Christ and through His resurrection, this is the only ground for justification and salvation for all who receive Him. A Lord and Savior and to such as receive Him, they are born of the Holy Spirit and become children of God.

I believe water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Church but are not means of salvation.

I believe in the personal and premillennial and imminent coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I believe in the resurrection of the dead, for the believer to resurrection of life and joy with the Lord, for the unbeliever to resurrection of judgement and everlasting punishment.